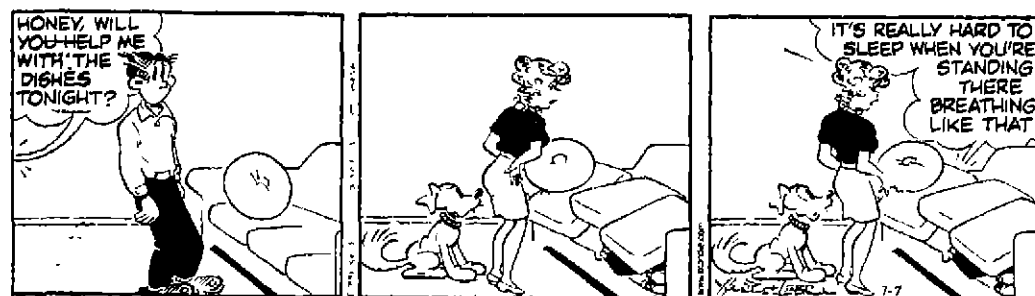


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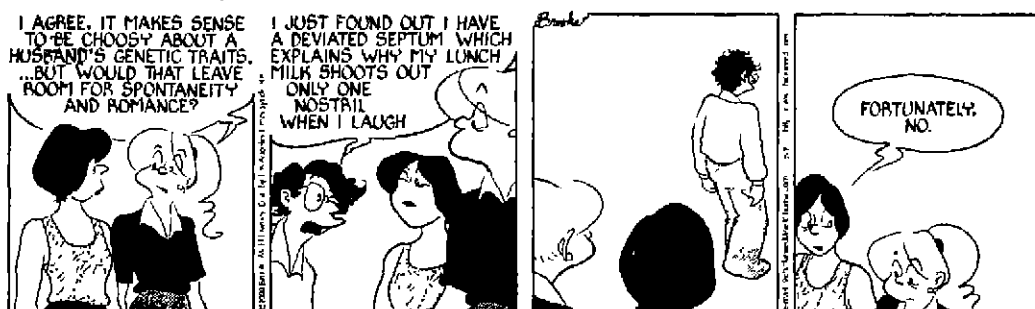
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



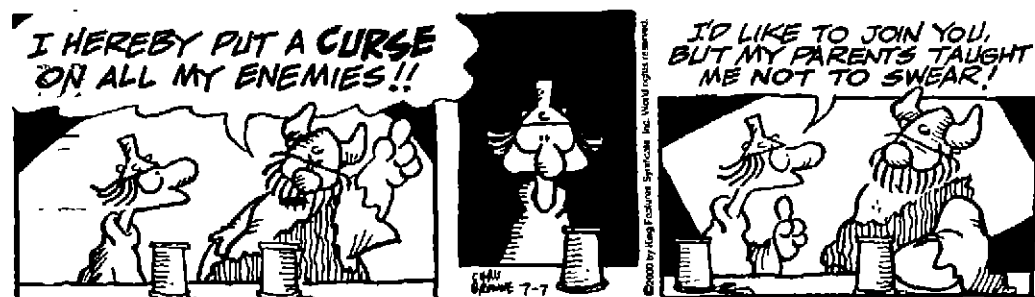
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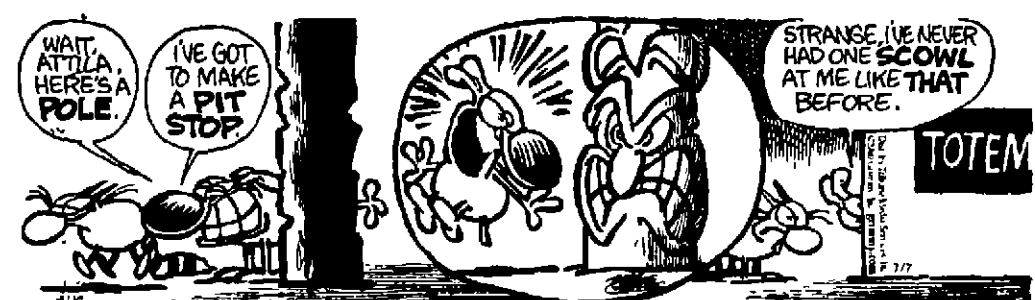
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



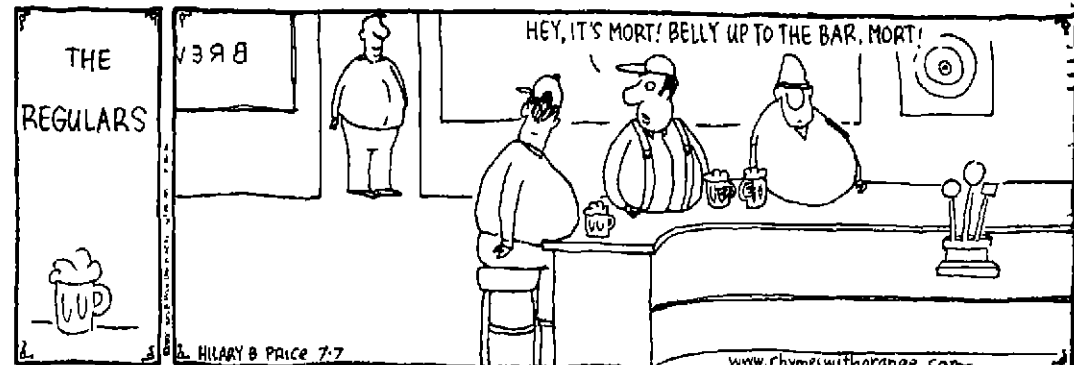
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



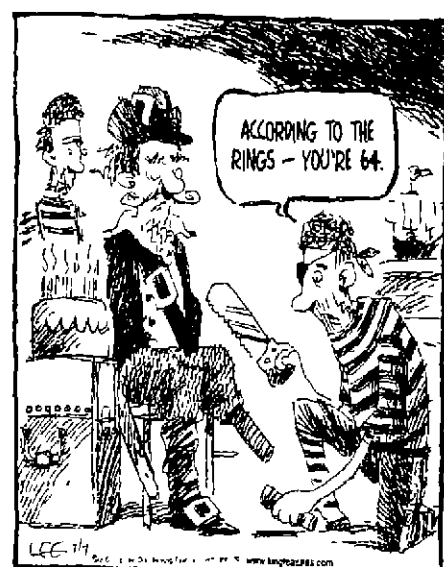
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Composer Gian Carlo Menotti is 89. Blues musician Pinetop Perkins is 87. Fashion designer Pierre Cardin is 78. Musician-conductor Doc Severinsen is 73. Country singer Charlie Louvin is 73. Historian-author David McCullough is 67. Rock star Ringo Starr is 60. Singer-musician Warren Entner (The Grass Roots) is 56. Actor Joe Spano is 54. Actress Shelley Long is 51.

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C I P S H A I 1st Letter Double
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PAR SCORE 140-180 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OGB Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 7-7-00 ©2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Lewis and Clark

W L J G D A X V S P N K R I F
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C M A O X V S T R A R S H P N
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F A I P D R W D N A L R E V O
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L J I G F D W S N A J C M W 8
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Thursday's unused clue: RAYBURN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unused clue hint: SEEKING A NORTHWEST -
1804 Expedition Meriwether St. Louis
1805 Jefferson Overland West
Clark Lewis Pacific William
Corps Mapmaking Sacagawea

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, July 8

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) In the case of misjudgment, a smile is the best defense.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There is a lot of positive energy currently surrounding your career.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is first and foremost on your mind, so make it a day of love and pleasure.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you're dying for some quiet time at home, first you'll have to make it through a tough schedule.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Should you choose to throw a soiree this evening, you'll be surprised by how many people attend.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Find a quiet place and time to be calm today.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's an excellent time for socializing.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Generate ideas with a good friend and things will become clearer.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't be afraid to ask a friend or a lover for a favor, they'll be happy to help.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) For a change, it's what you know, rather than whom you know, that really counts.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Try to connect with new and different people.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Caring for a loved one will give you a deep sense of satisfaction.

AGES

By Bobby Wolff

After dummy won the diamond jack, West turned his thoughts to which major might produce an entry to his partner's hand. If he could guess which one, East's diamond return would net the defenders four more diamond winners for one down. After winning dummy's diamond jack, South led a club to his ace and a club back toward dummy. West won his king and tried a spade through dummy's strength. If South had the spade king and no heart queen, surely he would rise with dummy's heart king and claim nine quick winners. South won West's spade shift and had an easy time. He led a heart to dummy's king and claimed nine winners. South's strong bidding made it unlikely that East held either major-suit honor. Since South did not finesse, the odds were good that East might hold the club jack. When South led a club to his ace, West should have unloaded his club king. This would have made East's club jack an entry before South could manage nine winners. At trick two, South should have led a spade to his jack to lead a club toward dummy's queen. If West had played low, dummy's queen would have held. South would have run dummy's club 10, forcing West to win his king.

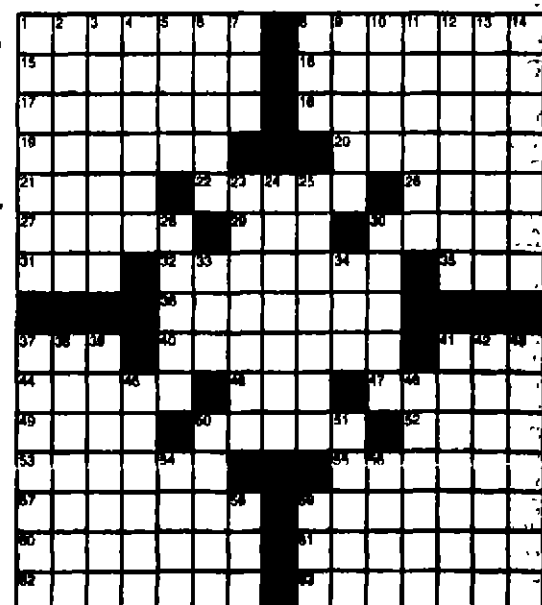
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0519

- ACROSS**
- Polite behavior
 - Gulf war issue
 - Green?
 - Newspaper carrier, at times
 - Navy attire
 - No place for an epicure
 - Dies (out)
 - Noisy reception
 - Kingdom until 1979
 - Disgruntled declaration
 - Space heater?
 - Guardian spirits
 - Jordan left it after his Jr. year
 - They inspire passing thoughts
 - Some U.S.A. grade
 - Without stiffness
 - Word before now
 - Added, as an ingredient
 - Accepted behavior
 - In a swell situation?
 - Some jourm. grade
 - Coastal opening
 - Middle of la notte
 - It might come with a few pointers
 - Weight not counted in pricing
 - Kind of artery
 - Film
 - Gold-medal swimmer turned film star
 - Turn up
 - Like some guests
 - Studies
 - Kyriakos Theotokopoulos, familiarly
 - It doesn't look good
 - Slight
 - Seven-time Emmy winner
- DOWN**
- Upper
 - Pooch-pooch
 - Figures in Hinduism
 - Council
 - Revolver, perhaps
 - Virtual
 - Boom source
 - It's a gift
 - Boom source
 - Assists, e.g.
 - "Later!"
 - Thinner component
 - First director of the U.S. Peace Corps
 - Jingle producer?
 - Idealistic one?
 - Forget
 - Brewer's product
 - Ballroom activity
 - Old "Hollywood Squares" regular

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ABEIDED SHAD ALL
CHAMIC HALL SOL
CENADA ILLS TWO
EDDIEONLY PLAU
PEARS FESS ABES
YER AIL GELINE
LODAS HOASTS
DADDYWAHUCKS
MABILL SEINE
AROSE 88T GME
NOVO POST HELLY
TIMEN JOHNNYCASW
HAP JOZE AROSE
ANA ONEW TALKER
FOR EDDY EMBERS



23 Teammate of Jackie and Pee Wee
24 Be a bad witness
27 Eighty-sixes
28 Doing very well
29 Off-center
41 1988 NFL MVP
42 Plate used at dinner
43 Surprise success
48 Converted, in a way
49 Entree
50 Volleyballer/model Gabrielle
51 British foreign secretary during the Suez crisis
54 Raised
56 Most qualified to serve
58 Carnes's Palme
59 Needling session?

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